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125. Seventeen thousand eight hundred and eighty-one persons were prosecuted during the year.

126. A sum of Rs. 2,88,200 was recovered as fine during the year as against Rs. 2,33,748 in the previous year.

127. The following figures indicate the number of various types of vehicles registered during the year :— Motor Vehicles Act.

1.	No. of vehicles registered	1,615
2.	No. of buses plying for hire	934
3.	No. of taxis plying for hire	281

128. The following Statement shows the number of accidents caused by various types of motor vehicles during 1953 and 1954 :—

	Type of the vehicle	*1953*	*1954*
1.	Military vehicles	46	43
2	Motor cars	461	526
3.	Buses	187	285
4.	Lorries	222	265
5.	Motor cycles	86	57
6.	Motor rickshaws	26	117
	Total ...	1,028	1,295

129. Of the above cases, 85 accidents ended in loss of life as against 70 in the privious year.

130. The films certified by the Central Board of Film Censors and the Regional Boards at Madras and Calcutta were continued to be exhibited in the cinema houses in the State. The total number of cinema houses in the State at the end of the year was 133 (including 10 in Bellary District). Cinematograph Act.

131. There were 99 Touring Talkies in the State including 10 in Bellary District at the end of the year.

132. A sum of Rs. 5,50,072 was collected as Show Tax from the Cinema houses during the year as against Rs. 4,84,088 during the previous year. Show Tax.

(v) Criminal Justice

133. The jurisdiction of the High Court was the same as in the previous year.

134. The number of Criminal Appeals instituted during the year was 95 (104). Eighteen appeals were

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preferred by Government against the orders of acquittal as against the same number in the previous year.

Disposals.

135. Including 65 appeals involving 174 persons pending from the previous year, there were for disposal 160 appeals concerning 306 persons. Of these 54 appeals involving 128 persons (against 86 appeals involving 153 persons in the previous year) were disposed of, leaving 106 appeals involving 178 persons. In 38 appeals involving 56 persons the convictions and sentences were confirmed, in five cases involving 22 persons the sentences were reduced or altered and in 10 cases involving 48 persons the sentences were reversed.

136. Out of the 30 appeals preferred by Government against the orders of acquittal, five were disposed of, leaving 25 pending at the end of the year.

137. The number of appeals left pending at the end of the year was 106 involving 178 persons, against 65 involving 174 persons in the previous year.

Reference under Section 374, Criminal Procedure Code.

138. Including the two cases involving two persons pending from the previous year, there were in all three references involving three persons. In one case involving one person the accused was acquitted. In one case involving one person the conviction was confirmed but the sentence of death was altered to transportation for life.

Reference under Section 438 Cr.P.C.

139. Four cases involving four persons were referred to the High Court. In two cases the references were accepted and the other two were left pending.

140. No Miscellaneous Appeal was pending at the end of the previous year and no such appeal was received during the year.

Revision.

141. The number of copies of judgments and orders of the lower courts received in the High Court was 1,016 (1,106).

142. The number of cases referred to the High Court by the Sessions Judges and District Magistrates or taken by the High Court *suo motu* in revision was 31 involving 62 persons (including one case involving one person pending from the previous year). Twenty-three cases involving 49 persons were disposed of, leaving eight cases involving 13 persons pending at the end of the year.

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Revision Petitions.

143. Three hundred and sixteen revision petitions involving 540 persons were disposed of, leaving 144 petitions involving 277 persons pending at the end of the year as against 55 petitions involving 93 persons in the previous year.

Other petitions.

144. Including 19 petitions pending from the previous year, there were 318 petitions for disposal. Of these, 293 were disposed of, leaving 25 (19) at the end of the year.

Cases under the Contempt of Courts Act.

145. There were 17 cases involving 35 persons for disposal. Fifteen cases involving 31 persons were disposed of, leaving two cases involving four persons pending at the end of the year.

Courts subordinate to the High Court.

146. Excluding Revenue Officers, who were *Ex-Officio* Magistrates, the number of Judges and Magistrates, excercising original jurisdiction at the end of the year was 61 (61).

147. The Receipts of the Criminal Courts other than the High Court amounted to Rs. 5,59,690 (Rs. 5,72,900) and the expenditure was Rs. 4,65,740 (Rs. 4,94,911).

148. The total number of offences reported during the year was 88,089 (Rs. 91,335).

Persons brought to trial.

149. Including the persons awaiting trial at the close of the previous year, the number of persons brought to trial in the Magistrates' Courts was 1,26,992 (excluding 422 persons for trial before the Courts of Sessions) during the year against 1,33,004 in the previous year. Of the persons brought to trial, the cases in respect of 1,10,553 (1,16,711) were disposed of. The proportion of persons convicted to those acquitted or discharged was 74·3 : 25·7 (74·1 : 25·9). The number of persons whose cases were left pending at the end of the year was 16,439 (16,293).

Offences punishable under Special and Local Laws.

150. The number of persons brought to trial was 82,638 or 65·0 per cent of the total number of persons brought to trial, as against 85,245 or 63·9 per cent in the previous year. The cases against 77,811 persons were disposed of, of whom 69,993 or 89·9 per cent were convicted.

District Magistrates' Courts.

151. Nineteen cases involving 35 persons (against 15 cases involving 17 persons) were before the District Magistrates for disposal. Of these, 18 cases involving 34 persons were disposed of, leaving one case of one person pending at the end of the year.

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Stipendiary Magistrates' Courts.

152. The Stipendiary Magistrates other than the District Magistrates had to deal with 92,445 cases involving 1,26,957 persons. The number of cases disposed of was 85,554 involving 1,10,519 persons.

153. The total number of cases and persons awaiting trial at the end of the year was 6,991 (6,702) and 15,494 (16,293) respectively.

Average duration.

154. In the courts of the District Magistrates, the average duration of cases disposed of was 27·6 (27·2) days. In the court of the other stipendiary magistrates it was 35·9 (33·8) days.

Examination of Witnesses.

155. The total number of witnesses examined in the Courts of the Magistrates and the Sessions Judges, was 62,062 (68,408).

Juvenile Offenders.

156. The number of Juvenile Offenders brought before the Courts of the Magistrates and of the Sessions Judges was 1,396 (1,317). The number convicted was 1,283 (1,232). Of these, 60 (51) were dealt with under the provisions of Section 562 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and 885 (954) were fined. The number imprisoned was 338 (227).

Sessions work.

157. The number of Sessions cases pending at the beginning of the year was 40 involving 134 persons. One hundred and forty-seven cases involving 288 persons were received during the year as against 168 cases involving 413 persons in the previous year. One hundred and fifty-four cases involving 367 against 173 cases involving 459 persons were disposed of leaving 33 cases involving 55 persons as against 40 cases involving 134 persons pending at the end of the previous year.

Average duration.

158. The average duration of Sessions cases disposed of was 70·3 (85·9) days.

159. The Appellate Courts subordinate to the High Court had to deal with 1,047 appeals preferred by 1,768 persons. Of these, 726 appeals relating to 1,214 persons were disposed of, leaving 321 appeals preferred by 554 persons.

160. In the Magistrates' Courts the number pending at the beginning of the year was 172 and the number received during the year was 287 (305). The number disposed of was 322 as against 290 and the number left pending was 137 (172).

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161. In the Sessions Courts there were for disposal 588 appeals. Of these 404 (573) were disposed of leaving 184 (112) at the end of the year.

162. The average duration of appeals disposed of by the Sessions Judge was 70·5 (65·03). The average duration of appeals disposed of in the Magistrates' Courts was 119·4 (111·62) days.

Revision.

163. The number of revision cases disposed of by the Sessions Judges and District Magistrates was 58 (91) and 130 (171) respectively. The average duration of Revision cases disposed of by the Sessions Judges and District Magistrates' Courts was 83·8 (73·94) days and 88·9 (80·98) days respectively.

Punishments.

164. One person was sentenced to death by the Sessions Judge, Bangalore Division during the year. Twenty-two persons were sentenced to transportation for life. Of the 6,095 persons sentenced to undergo imprisonment, 5,430 were sentenced to imprisonment for six months and under and the remaining 665 (705) for longer periods.

165. The number of persons fined was 73,474 (75,534). The amount of fine imposed and realised was Rs. 5,91,948 and Rs. 5,35,914 respectively.

Courts in Bellary District.

166. In pursuance of the Mysore Adaptation of Laws Orders, 1953, the laws in force in Bellary District on the date of merger continued to be in force during the year also. The practice and procedure prescribed by the High Court of Madras were being continued in the Courts of the District.

Sessions Cases.

167. There were for disposal 21 Sessions cases involving 61 persons. Of these 19 cases involving 57 persons, were disposed of, leaving two cases involving four persons pending at the end of the year.

Criminal Appeals.

168. Thirty-five appeals involving 49 persons were for disposal during the year. Twenty-nine appeals involving 43 persons were disposed of, leaving six appeals involving six persons pending at the end of the year.

Courts of other Magistrates.

169. There were in all 13,319 cases for disposal before the Magistrates. Eleven thousand four hundred and sixty-eight cases were disposed of leaving 1,851 cases at the end of the year.

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170. Out of 111 appeals for disposal, 93 were disposed of, leaving 18 appeals pending at the end of the year.

Criminal Cases.

(v) Civil Justice.

171. The jurisdiction of the High Court was the same as in the previous year.

172. The number of First Appeals instituted during the year was 356 (including three refiled) as against 357 in the previous year.

173. Including 824 appeals pending from the previous year, there were for disposal 1,180 (927) appeals at the end of the year. The number of appeals disposed of was 46 of the aggregate value of Rs. 3,27,823 as against 103 of the aggregate value of Rs. 12,98,101 in the previous year.

Average

174. The average duration of 46 appeals disposed of during the year was 864·19 (770·26) days.

175. The number of Second Appeals filed during the year was 614 including 10 refiled (688).

Disposals

176. Including 910 appeals pending from the previous year, the total number of Second Appeals for disposal was 1,524 (1,567). The number of appeals disposed of was 504 (657).

177. The average duration of 502 Second Appeals disposed of was 302·45 (556·04) days.

Miscellaneous Appeals.

178. Out of 118 appeals for disposal, 61 (86) were disposed of, leaving a balance of 57 (43) at the close of the year.

Writ Petitions.

179. Out of 245 (148) writ petitions for disposal, 114 (76) were disposed of during the year.

Civil Revision Petitions.

180. The number of Civil Revision Petitions pending at the beginning of the year was 347. Six hundred and twenty-nine (751) petitions were filed during the year. Of these, 529 (704) were disposed of, leaving 447 (347) petitions pending at the end of the year.

Courts Subordinate to the High Court.

181. Excluding the courts of the Bellary District, the number of Courts in the State subordinate to the High Court was 48.

182. The total receipts of the Courts subordinate to the High Court amounted to Rs. 19,74,369 (Rs. 19,66,031) and the expenditure was Rs. 16,61,600 (Rs. 17,02,209).